

## Homonymy of *Macropia*

(Diptera: Tachinidae; Lepidoptera: Choreutidae)<sup>1</sup>

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The generic name *Macropia* Costa, [1836], was proposed as a subgenus in the introductory discussion to the genus *Asopia* (treated as a subgenus of *Pyalis*) in the Lepidoptera part of his work on the fauna of Naples, Italy (Costa, [1836]-1850), for the species of section B of Treitschke's (1829) treatment of *Asopia*. Costa did not list any species of *Macropia* but only noted that all the species of Treitschke's *Asopia* section B belonged in the new subgenus. Treitschke (1829) included the following species in section B of *Asopia*, numbered 9-12, currently in Choreutidae except for #9 (species 1-8 were included in section A and are now in Pyralidae): 9) *Asopia nemoralis* (Hübner) [now in Pyralidae]; 10) *Asopia incisalis* Treitschke [ = *Eutromula nemorana* (Hübner)]; 11) *Asopia parialis* Treitschke [ = *Eutromula pariana* (Clerck)]; and 12) *Asopia alternalis* Treitschke [ = *Anthophila fabriciana* (Linnaeus)].

*Macropia* Costa was subsequently mentioned by Zeller (1847), who noted that it was a synonym of *Choreutis* Hübner (Choreutidae) and placed all the choreutid species of Treitschke's *Asopia* section B into one genus, *Choreutis*. Since 1847 *Macropia* Costa has remained forgotten and, in fact, has never been included in any other work, list, catalog, or generic nomenclator. Although Zeller (1847) mentioned species now retained in *Choreutis*, the three choreutid species included by Treitschke (1829) in his section B of *Asopia* are currently assigned to other genera, as noted above. *Macropia* Costa cannot, therefore, be considered a synonym of *Choreutis*. No type-species has been designated for *Macropia* Costa. Inasmuch as both Treitschke and Zeller begin their listing of the original 4 species with *Asopia incisalis* (now known as *Eutromula nemorana*), I hereby designate *Asopia incisalis* Treitschke, 1829, as the type-species of *Macropia* Costa. Consequently, *Macropia* Costa, [1836] becomes a junior subjective synonym of *Eutromula* Frölich, 1828.

*Macropia* Malloch, 1930 (Diptera: Tachinidae), described for a species of tachinid from Australia, is a junior homonym of *Macropia* Costa, [1836]. Since homonymy is involved, *Macropia* Costa cannot be considered a *nomen oblitum*, which it otherwise would be. *Macropia* Malloch, 1930, is now considered to be a junior synonym of *Halydaia*

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Egger, 1856, and, thus, does not require a new name.

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- 1105 (p. 234) Designation of a type-species for *Lonomia* Walker, 1855 (Insecta, Lepidoptera).
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